

PROPOSAL EVALUATION

Proposition 50, Chapter 8 Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Grant

PIN	3960	COUNTY	Humboldt
APPLICANT	Trinidad, City of	AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$500,000
PROJECT TITLE	Integrated Coastal Watershed Management Plan for the Trinidad ASBS	TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$545,546

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Assess watershed and monitor water quality to identify the pollutants in the Trinidad plateau that ultimately drain into or near Trinidad's Kelp beds. Action plan will be formulated to identify specific projects to help reduce or eliminate those pollutants at their source.

WORK PLAN - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has a detailed and specific work plan that adequately documents the proposal. Weighting factor is 3.

Score: 15

Comment: The proposed work Plan is specific, detailed, and well thought-out. Deliverables, budget, and staffing are well presented. Funding match is met, and a reasonable schedule is proposed.

DESCRIPTION OF REGION - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has presented a detailed and specific description that adequately documents the region. Weighting factor is 1.

Score: 5

Comment: The proposal provides a thorough description of the proposed coastal management region, and justification as to what makes it a logical coastal region for this grant. Description includes watershed relation to Trinidad Head ASBS. Description included maps and discussion of water resources, environmental resources, land use, and social & cultural resources. Benefits of defining and managing the region are explained. The applicant also recognizes the need to extend beyond political boundaries to assure water quality issues are addressed holistically.

OBJECTIVES - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has presented detailed and specific planning objectives. Weighting factor is 2.

Score: 10

Comment: The applicant describes seven objectives based on the greatest needs of the watershed: identify sources of point and non-point source pollution; quantify sediments; implement on-site wastewater management program; inventory storm water facilities and develop storm water management plan; develop an action plan; integrate pollution reduction strategies into ICWMP; and establish public outreach program. These objectives have been selected as a result of project development meetings. The ICWMP should improve local water quality and supply, reduce storm water run-off pollution, improve groundwater quality and reduce pollutant discharges into the Trinidad ASBS. These water related objectives are also consistent with the statewide priorities such as the CA Ocean Plan, the CA Coastal Zone Management Program, and CCA program of the CA Coastal Commission.

INTEGRATION OF WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately documented how water management strategies will be integrated. Weighting factor is 2.

Score: 10

Comment: The proposal describes the water management strategies to be considered in the planning process and discusses how the strategies work together synergistically. The considered strategies are consistent with the IRWM Guidelines. The proposed plan is consistent with the CCA Watershed Action Plan Outline.

IMPLEMENTATION - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately detailed plan implementation. Weighting factor is 2.

Score: 10

Comment: The applicant presents a complete plan for implementation including comprehensive work item descriptions, budget and schedule. Schedule has been developed by the Trinidad Regional Water Management Work Group. Emphasizes implementation within 20 years post adoption. The proposal includes provisions for monitoring plan implementation and project performance.

IMPACTS AND BENEFITS - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately presented and documented the impacts and benefits of the Plan. Weighting factor is 2.

Score: 10

Comment: Thorough assessment of expected water quality and non-point source pollution control benefits is provided. The proposal brings together various communities of the region (city, tribes, university, and forest land owners) to solve collective water quality management issues. Each proposed project in the plan will be evaluated for compliance with CEQA. Line items in work plan, budget and schedule demonstrate a plan for CEQA compliance. This proposal addresses long-standing high priority issues for this coastal region and includes all the necessary elements.

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DATA AND TECHNICAL ANALYSIS - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has presented detailed and specific data and technical analysis components of the proposal. Weighting factor is 1.

Score: 5

Comment: Items and sub-items of the work plan clearly demonstrate why and how available data supports the proposed ICWMP. The applicant has discussed how all data collection and analysis efforts will use the same GIS base maps for consistency, how sample collections will be coordinated to prevent duplication, and Quality Assurance Project Plans (QAPP) and water quality monitoring plans will be in place to guide collection and reporting.

DATA MANAGEMENT - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has presented detailed and specific data management procedures. Weighting factor is 1.

Score: 5

Comment: Data collection for septic system management will be based on approved QAPPs and monitoring plans, which have been approved by the Regional Water Board and others. New data will be stored in an existing GIS system managed by the city and shared with stakeholders and others through the city's website. The applicant specifically states that collected data will be consistent with the Water Board statewide data management efforts and the Watershed Management Strategic Action Plan.

STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately documented stakeholder involvement concerns. Weighting factor is 1.

Score: 5

Comment: The applicant has discussed the involvement of the Trinidad Regional Water Management Working Group (ICWMP development to adoption) which represents local public agencies. The applicant has stated that the website will be a communication tool in providing information/updates/announcement of meetings to the public, and creating opportunities for additional stakeholder involvement in development and implementation of the ICWMP. The proposal addresses environmental justice and discusses additional opportunities for other citizens and stakeholder to be involved.

DISADVANTAGE COMMUNITIES - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately documented disadvantaged community concerns. Weighting factor is 1.

Score: 5

Comment: The proposal addresses DAC presence, support, involvement and benefit. Proposal includes Attachment 4 which contains the DAC supporting information for a funding match reduction.

RELATION TO LOCAL PLANNING - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately documented the Plan's relationship to local planning efforts. Weighting factor is 1.

Score: 5

Comment: The applicant discusses how the proposed ICWMP will incorporate, expand and enhance many local planning documents. These documents include: Trinidad General Plan, Trinidad Local Coastal Plan, Humboldt General Plan, Humboldt Local Coastal Plan, BMPs of NPS Plan, and CCA Watershed Action Plan. The applicant has provided detailed explanation of how these local planning documents relate to ICWMP water management strategies and the dynamics between all levels of planning.

AGENCY COORDINATION - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately documented agency coordination issues. Weighting factor is 1.

Score: 5

Comment: The proposed ICWMP will provide coordination and cooperation from relevant local, state, and federal agencies. ICWMP will facilitate coordination with local land use planning decision makers and state and federal regulatory agencies. The proposal makes the connection with the existing watershed planning efforts and all the interested parties that the effort has brought together.

TOTAL SCORE: 90